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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR
FRICTION STIR WELDING

Examiner: M. Aboagye

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 1, 2005 (Paper No. 20050624).

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

Group I encompassing claims 1-5 which is drawn to a method of friction stir welding (classified in Class 228, Subclass 112.1); and

Group II encompassing claims 6-9 drawn to apparatus for friction stir welding (classified in Class 228 Subclass 2.1).

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect **Group 1, claims 1-5** for continued examination.

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